

Welcome!

2015 Illinois Commission to End Hunger Summit



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# Illinois Commission to End Hunger – Working Groups

1. Benefits Access: Co-Chairs – Kathy Chan & Dan Lesser
2. No Kid Hungry: Co-Chairs – Tom Browning & Janine Lewis
3. Emergency Food System: Chair – Karen Lehman



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## Benefits Access Working Group

**Kathy Chan, Co-Chair** — *Cook County Health & Hospital System*

**Dan Lesser, Co-Chair** — *Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law*

**Mary Ellen Abbott, Commissioner** — *Illinois Hunger Coalition*

**Betsey Creamer, Commissioner** — *Illinois Department on Aging*

**Mark Ishaug, Commissioner** — *Thresholds*

**Kimberly Drew** — *Heartland Alliance*

**Caroline Chapman** — *LAF*

**Carmenza Millan** — *AARP*

**Elisabeth Steimel** — *Age Options*

**Meghan Jenkins-Morales** — *Age Options*

**Angelia Smith** — *Ford Heights Community Center*

**Kathleen Gregory** — *Access Community Health*

**Maribeth Stein** — *Age Options*

**Nancy Nelson** — *AARP*

**Susan Holzer** — *USDA FNS*

**Javette Orgain** — *At-Large*

**Graham Bowman** — *Chicago Coalition for the Homeless*

**Jonathan Holmes** — *Chicago Coalition for the Homeless*

**Staff**

**Steven McCullough** — *Greater Chicago Food Depository*



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## No Kid Hungry Working Group

**Janine Lewis, Co-Chair** — *EverThrive Illinois*

**Tom Browning, Co-Chair** — *Illinois Action for Children*

**Signe Anderson** — *FRAC*

**Robin Brown** — *Midwest Dairy Council*

**Diane Doherty** — *Illinois Hunger Coalition*

**Jonathan Doster** — *Ounce of Prevention Fund*

**Daylan Dufelmeier** — *UIC Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion*

**John Cheney Egan** — *Illinois Department of Children & Family Services*

**Jill Edelblute** — *YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago*

**Jenny Epstein** — *EverThrive Illinois*

**Vista Fletcher** — *USDA FNS*

**Angel Gutierrez, Commissioner** — *Catholic Charities*

**Mark Haller, Commissioner** — *Illinois State Board of Education*

**Maged Hanafi** — *USDA FNS*

**Lilah Handler** — *EverThrive Illinois*

**Katie Klus** — *Illinois Hunger Coalition*

**Lolita Lopez** — *EverThrive Illinois*

**Angela Odoms-Young** — *UIC Department of Kinesiology & Nutrition*

**Penny Roth** — *Illinois Department of Human Services*

**Barbara Rose**

**Kristina Sepulveda** — *USDA FNS*

**Kelley Talbot** — *Voices for Illinois Children*

**Cicilia Tipiani-Fuentes** — *EverThrive Illinois*

**Staff**

**Bob Dolgan** — *Greater Chicago Food Depository*

**Suzy Lee** — *Greater Chicago Food Depository*



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## Emergency Food Working Group

*Karen Lehman, Chair — Fresh Taste*

*Leah Bradford, Commissioner — Kraft Foods*

*Donna Lake — Northern Illinois Food Bank*

*Esperanza Velasquez Gonzalez, Commissioner — Illinois Migrant Council*

*Marla Goodwin, Commissioner — Jeremiah's Food Pantry*

*Sheila Kennedy — Top Box Foods*

*Ahlam Jbara, Commissioner — Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*

*Kerry Lofton, Commissioner — Illinois Department of Agriculture*

*Suzy McNamara — Top Box Foods*

*Gary Tomlin, Commissioner — Knox County Produce Farms*

### *Staff*

*Steven McCullough — Greater Chicago Food Depository*

*Terri Nally — Feeding Illinois*



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## Emergency Food Working Group

**Emergency Food System Working Group Charge:** The Emergency Food System Working Group will explore and support public and private policies and practices that enhance and advance food security, the access of all people at all times to the nutritious food needed for an active and healthy life. The Working Group plans to fulfill its charge by *increasing the available supply of food*.

**Goals:** Combining immediate hunger relief interventions with long-term actions for sustainable growth, the EFS Working Group's first priority is investigating the development of a unified strategy that engages the state's agriculture community in increasing nutritional value and product volume of food donations to Illinois hunger-relief providers. The EFS Working Group seeks to *launch in FY16, a "trial run" for full-scale implementation of a statewide agricultural surplus capture program*.



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## Agriculture Surplus Capture



*Jean-François Millet, 1857*



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## Agriculture Surplus Capture

- A. Identify grower interest in agricultural surplus
- B. Raise awareness and enhance partnerships necessary to procure surplus crops
- C. Build diversified revenue sources
- D. Evaluate strategic approaches and best practices



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## Agriculture Surplus Capture

### A. Identify grower interest in agricultural surplus

Survey at Illinois Specialty Crop Conference, January 2015:

- Nine counties represented
- None of the 9 respondents providing produce for food pantries were paid to do so, and 8 of them delivered it themselves
- Having someone pick the produce up was reported as the most important factor in increased willingness to provide food
- Six fruits and 21 vegetables were produced on 11 farms



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## Agriculture Surplus Capture

### **B. Raise awareness and enhance partnerships necessary to procure surplus crops**

- Inclusion of a provision that could support agriculture surplus capture in Governor Rauner's Agriculture Transition Committee report
- Inclusion of ASC in the working draft of FARM Illinois
- Support from Fresh Taste, the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Alliance to Prevent Obesity, U of I Extension, the Rantoul Food Hub, Illinois Migrant Council, and more
- on 11 farms



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## Agriculture Surplus Capture

### C. Build diversified revenue sources

Letter of Intent to Feeding America Produce Enterprise Strategy Pilot:

\$355,000 request for statewide initiative, beginning with pilots




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Lisa Davis, Feeding America

Child Nutrition Reauthorization 101



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# TOGETHER WE CAN SOLVE HUNGER

Child Nutrition  
Reauthorization  
2015







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**HUNGER  
AMONG  
HOUSEHOLDS  
WITH  
CHILDREN**

  
**FEEDING  
AMERICA**

# Child Hunger in America, by county

Food Insecurity Rates

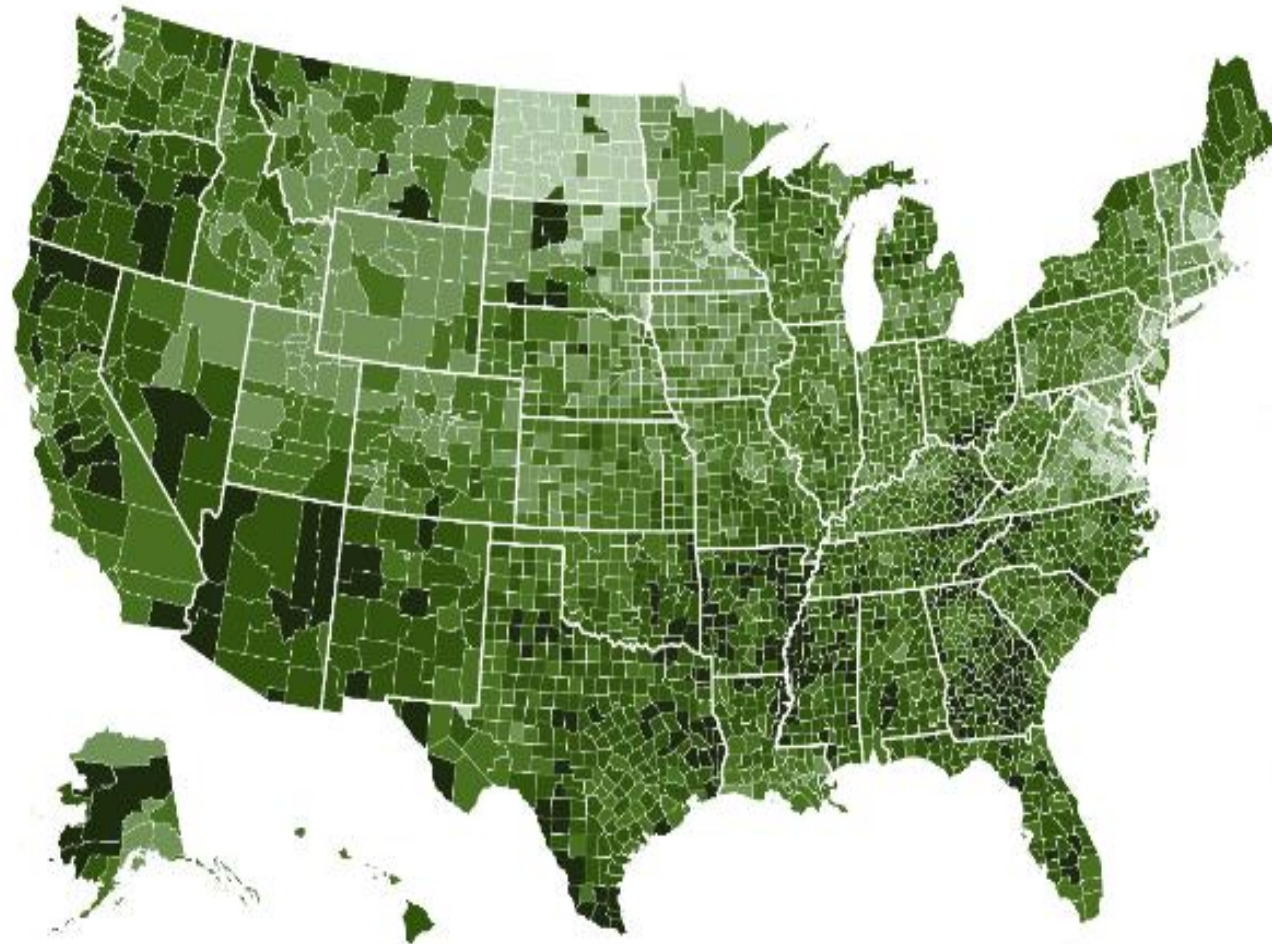
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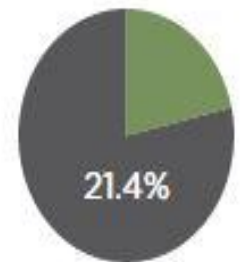
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30% +



FOOD INSECURITY RATE  
(CHILD)

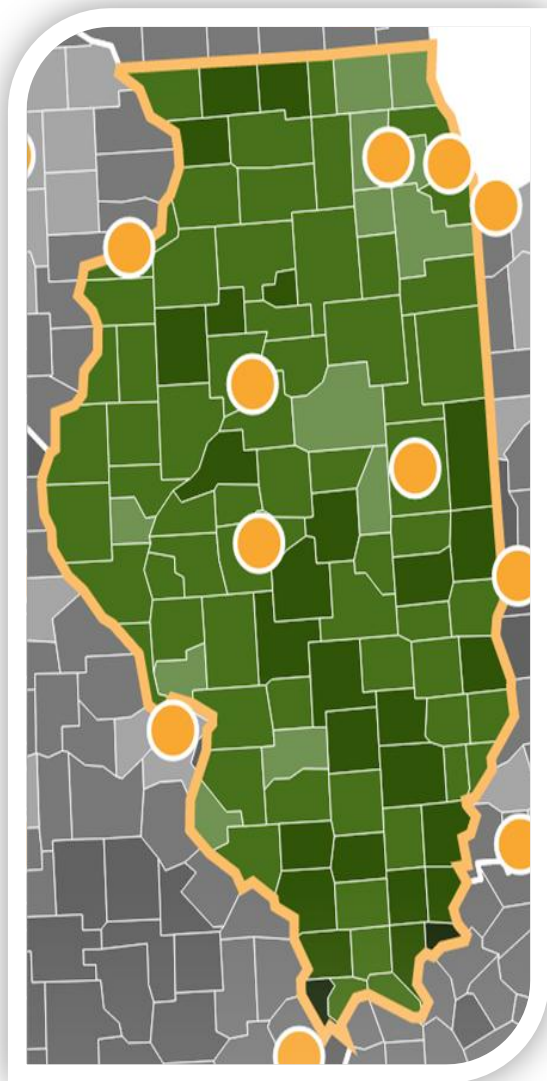


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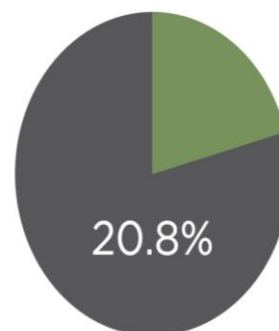




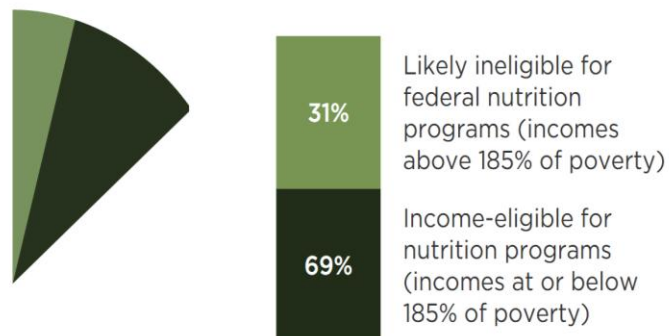
# Child Food Insecurity in Illinois



## FOOD INSECURITY RATE (CHILD)



## ESTIMATED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AMONG FOOD INSECURE CHILDREN



# IMPACTS OF CHILD HUNGER

- ❖ **Learning and academic difficulties, reduced concentration, and lower test scores;**
- ❖ **School absenteeism and tardiness, making them 1.4 times more likely to repeat a grade; and**
- ❖ **Poorer general health**



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## **WHAT IS CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION ON**

  
**FEEDING  
AMERICA**



## Programs Impacted

**Early Childhood – WIC and  
Child Care**

**School-based Programs –  
Lunch and Breakfast**

**Out-of-school Programs –  
Summer, and Afterschool  
Snacks and Suppers**





## Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Nutrition standards strengthen in school and child care meals
- Access expanded to school meals through simplified enrollment
- Expansion of afterschool suppers nationwide



# National Summer Meal Gap



**3.8 MILLION**

Low-Income Children  
Receive Food Assistance  
on a Typical Summer Day



**21.7 MILLION**

Low-Income Children Receive  
Lunch assistance During the  
School Year

# ILLINOIS SUMMER MEAL GAP

13% of children who receive  
lunch assistance during  
the school year in Illinois  
access a summer meal...

**TRANSPORTATION:** many children cannot access a summer meals site either because they live in rural areas, cannot afford transportation, or it is unsafe to walk or take public transportation.

**CHILDREN ARE DISPERSED:** unlike the school year when children are in one location, during the summer children can have irregular schedules and are at home, at camp, or staying with family members.

**NO VIABLE LOCATION FOR A SITE:** within some neighborhoods there isn't a location to host a feeding site that is accessible to children in need.



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## **Policy Priorities for CNR**

  
**FEEDING  
AMERICA**

# 1. PROVIDE COMMUNITIES WITH OPTIONS DURING THE SUMMER AND WEEKENDS

- Strengthen site-based model
- Allow alternative delivery models where sites aren't feasible
  - Waive congregate requirement to allow kids to take meals or groceries home
  - Provide families a Summer EBT card



## 2. STREAMLINE REGULATIONS FOR AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER

- One program year round
- Eliminate duplicative administrative processes
- Align inconsistent program requirements
- Consistency in how programs governed across states

### 3. SUPPORT ACCESS AND QUALITY IN WIC & SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

- **Support access to WIC, especially for children age 1-4**
- **Support schools in meeting nutrition standards set in 2010**



# THE POLITICAL CLIMATE

Many New members,  
partisanship, fiscal  
restraint

**Winter/Spring  
2015:**

Committee hearings  
Identify champions  
Marker bills

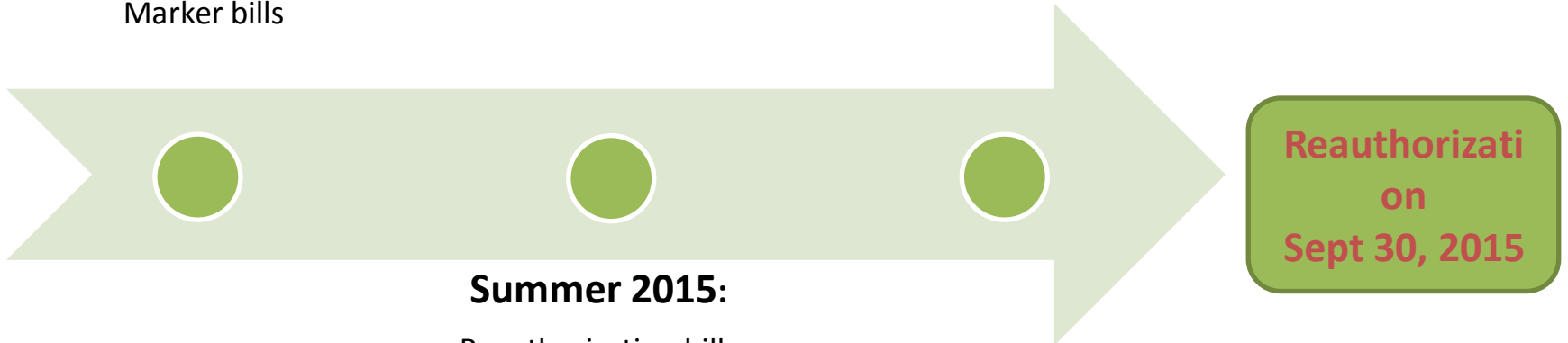
**Late Summer/  
Fall 2015:**

Floor votes  
Conference  
negotiations

**Summer 2015:**

Reauthorization bills  
introduced  
Continued education  
of members

**Reauthorizati  
on  
Sept 30, 2015**





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## QUESTIONS?

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Break

Lunch will begin at 11:45 AM in the Prairie Room



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